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CURRENT COMMENT.

The world's population, according to the latest computation of German geographers, is 1,500,000,000, an addition of 20,000,000 in the past seven years.

The Greeks have decided to exclude all bachelors from their parliament. They reason that an unmarried man has no stake in the commonwealth and that if he is represented he really should expect nothing further.

An international beauty competition is to be one of the features of the Paris exposition. Possession of genuine beauty is to be the only passport to participation, the matter of costume will not be taken into consideration.

It is now the general opinion in England that the czar's peace conference, if it meets, will be unable to do more than to give expressions to pious opinions. The belief is growing that the efforts of the czar of Russia have failed.

GREATER CHICAGO is in sight, steps having been taken to secure legislation to consolidate the city and county governments and abolish the township organizations. To accomplish the desired result an amendment to the constitution will be necessary.

The Waco Carnival Club, an organization composed of business men, has arranged to hold the southwest interstate 1900 jubilee and exposition in Waco, Tex., next November and December. The club will buy 200 acres of land for the exposition, part of which will be converted into a lake.

AMT. GEN. CORMAN, in a recent letter to Chairman Hull of the house military committee, compares the cost of the proposed army reorganization under the Hull bill, reported to the house, and the present regular military establishment. The adjutant general gives the present cost of the regular army at \$24,443,480 and the cost under the proposed Hull bill, \$28,053,865.

GEN. JOHN BARON left Washington on the 6th for Porto Rico to undertake the supervision of education in the island. As superintendent of freedmen under Gen. Grant he organized schools in several states and was for 16 years United States commissioner of education. He was consulted in shaping the educational systems of Japan, Egypt, Bulgaria, Chili and other South American countries.

A RECENT dispatch from Nashville, Ill., stated that the inventor of the national chinch bug exterminator had perfected the new machine with which he expects to completely exterminate that most injurious of all agricultural pests. The recently perfected machine has the appearance of a hand lawn sprinkler. It is pushed from row to row in the cornfield and the bugs are killed in countless numbers.

C. P. ADAMS and W. W. Hall, telegraph company officers, have succeeded in arranging appliances by which a single wire may do duty for telephone and telegraph purposes at the same time. While telegraph messages were sent over a wire between Crookston, Minn., and Laramie, Wyo., a conversation was at the same time carried on. The two have invented apparatus for this purpose which they propose to adopt practically.

A MONUMENT is to be erected in memory of Charles Floyd, a member of the Lewis and Clark expedition, who died near the present site of Sioux City, Ia., August 20, 1804, while on his way with the party to the headwaters of the Missouri river. Floyd was the first United States soldier who died on the "new Louisiana purchase" and was one of the foremost characters in the history of the northwest. His grave is the only visible mark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Congress is to be asked for \$10,000 for the monument.

MARYLAND will soon have ready for occupancy the most scientifically appointed penitentiary in the United States, if not in the entire world. When finished it will have cost about \$1,000,000. In the basement is a huge shower bath, photograph room, barber shop and examination room. The third floor will be used as a library, reading room and night school for the prisoners. On the fourth floor will be the prisoners' chapel, with gallery for visitors, reached by stairways and elevator. The prisoners' dormitory cells are constructed of burglar and tool proof steel.

A MAN at Cleveland, O., has invented a ramie defibrator, which is said to be a success in every particular and will, it is believed, revolutionize the manufacture of fabric. The machine can be operated by a boy and has a capacity of 400 pounds a day, against two pounds per day, which is the output of a man in China. The capacity of the machine can be increased according to requirements. Ramie, which is grown very largely in South America and the southern states, is a possible substitute for cotton, flax and silk. The fiber produced from it is the strongest in the world.

A CANADIAN expedition will try to reach the north pole by taking advantage of a northern-bound current in a steamer. The vessel will afterwards be abandoned and the journey continued in sledges. The party will consist of seven men, including two scientific observers and two Eskimos to take care of the dogs and reindeer. Capt. Bernier, who will command the expedition, will take with him 120 tame and unborn reindeer to be utilized in carrying the provisions as far north as possible. They will be killed one by one to feed the dogs, of which there will be 50 or 60 of the Siberian variety.

AN unfortunate old woman has just been sold at auction to the lowest bidder by the overseers of the poor of Lackawanna township, Pike county, Pa. Her sale at auction was in pursuance of a custom which has long prevailed in that township. The bidding started at \$4 a week and was very spirited. The auctioneer was about to "knock down" the woman to a backwoodsman for \$1.50 a week when she arose and said, "I will bid \$8 a month. I will have no trouble to maintain myself on that amount." No one seemed willing to go below her bid and the auctioneer sold the woman to herself.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Cleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN spoke at the Jackson banquet at Chicago on the 7th and declared that the Chicago platform was stronger than ever and that the sixteen to one ratio was in its stay. The question of expansion was subordinated to the silver issue by the Nebraska leader, who was more than usually earnest in his advocacy of the white metal.

The president has nominated Charles T. Tower, of Pennsylvania, now minister to Austria-Hungary, to be ambassador to Russia, and Addison C. Harris, of Indiana, as minister to Austria-Hungary.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY signed the bill on the 10th to retire United States Judge Foster, of Topeka, Kan.

JOHN HENRY CABOT LODGE was unanimously re-elected United States senator by the Massachusetts legislature on the 10th.

PROF. J. B. TURK died at his home in Jacksonville, Ill., on the 10th aged 35 years. He was a visitor to Chicago when it was a collection of log huts, was the father of the Illinois university, one of the first professors of Illinois college, a man of great culture and ability and was intimately associated with the great men of Illinois in its early days.

JAMES DE LOVE, the horseman, died at Niles, Mich., of the grip.

JONATHAN ROSS, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., chief justice of the supreme court of Vermont, has accepted the appointment as United States senator, vice Morrill, deceased, recently declined by R. F. Fifield, of Montpelier.

The republican legislative caucus at Indianapolis, Ind., selected ex-congressman A. J. Beveridge for United States senator. As the republicans have a majority on joint ballot in the legislature he will be elected to succeed Senator David Turpie (dem.). Mr. Beveridge is but 36 years old and he will be the youngest man to be elected a United States senator from Indiana.

COMMISSARY GENERAL EAGAN appeared before the war investigating commission at Washington on the 12th to meet the allegations against the beef issues in the war. He denied numerous statements of Gen. Miles, charged that the latter's testimony contained severe reflections on the commanding generals of the expeditions and referred to him as "this same commanding general, Nelson A. Miles," and said whoever called the beef furnished "embalmed beef" was a liar.

THE report that Mr. Ireland, the archbishop of St. Paul, Minn., is to be nominated papal nuncio in the Philippines was absolutely contradicted in the Vatican at Rome. There is no intention of instituting a nunciature in the Philippines.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEIKLEJOHN made public on the 12th Father Thomas F. Sherman's very interesting and instructive report to Gen. Brooke of his recent tour through the island of Porto Rico. Father Sherman says that he found the people of Porto Rico gentle, docile and kindly and that the Spaniards living there rejoice with their Porto Rico friends in the change of sovereignty.

A BATTLE has been fought in the Yemen division of Arabia. The Turkish troops stormed and captured the insurgent position at Shanah and 4,000 insurgents and 2,000 Turks were killed or wounded.

CONFIRMATION of the report that the German government was secretly backing the Filipino insurgents was said to have been secured in San Francisco. Germany is anxious to secure the islands for herself.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A FREIGHT train on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad, loaded with ore and cattle, jumped the track near Mears Junction, Col., and rolled down a steep embankment, smashing the cars to pieces. All the train crew were more or less injured, but no one was killed. A number of cattle were killed. The air-brakes gave way.

GEN. WOOD, military governor of Santiago, arrived at New York on the 10th. In an interview he would not talk about the order to send customs receipts to Havana, but said when he left Santiago schools were being organized and nearly 1,000 miles of roads had been constructed in the province. The best of feeling prevailed and the general condition of things was all that could be desired.

THE fight at New York on the 9th between Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," and Dave Sullivan, of Ireland, ended disastrously for the latter in the seventeenth round, when he was put to sleep by two fearful right hand blows on the head and a wild left hand swing on the mouth.

FIRE broke out early the other morning in the five-story Menkin building at Memphis, Tenn., and destroyed the building and contents, valued at \$400,000. The insurance was \$345,000.

THE roof of the east house of the Sioux furnaces at Birmingham, Ala., fell in the other morning while a run of iron was being made, and John Decher, foundryman, was pinned down by an angle bar to a red-hot pig of iron and was burned almost to a crisp. Two other men were also seriously injured.

THE safe of the Ashburnham (Mass.) bank was blown to pieces by dynamite early the other morning. The interior of the bank was badly wrecked. A sum of money estimated at \$1,500 to \$2,000 was missing. There was no clue to the robbers.

THERE was a wreck on the Union Pacific railroad at Sunal, Neb., which resulted in the death of four people and the injury of eight others. The collision caused three engines to be piled up into scrap iron, four cars to be taken fire and other cars to be badly broken up. It was thought the cause of the accident may have been one of the engineers dropping off to sleep.

On the 12th the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf and the South Park lines passed out of the receivers' hands and became the "Colorado road," being officially designated the Colorado & Southern railway. The company will operate 1,537 miles of road in Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas.

EARLY the other morning burglars broke into the main building of the Iowa State university at Iowa City and blew up the safe with dynamite. The burglars looted the safe and escaped. It was not known how much they got.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been created by rich gold discoveries 25 miles east of Vernal, Utah, in the Blue mountains, near the Colorado line.

A SERIES of fires raged in the town of Bridgewater, N. S., and about 30 business places were destroyed, including the post office, music hall, savings bank, hotel and telegraph office. A number of residences were also burned.

No home-seekers' excursions will be run after February 1 by the roads in the territory of the Central Passenger association. At a recent meeting of the association held in Chicago, at which all of the roads were represented, all of them, with four exceptions, decided to discontinue home-seekers' excursions and in lieu thereof to sell after this month regular winter tourist tickets.

The employees of the Sioux City (Ia.) plant of the Cudahy Packing company have purchased four blocks of property a short distance from the packing house and will build up what they will call Cudahytown on the co-operative plan. No one not an employee of the packing company and a member of the townsite company will be allowed to buy lots.

An epidemic of grip was prevailing in Oakland, Cal., on the 11th. Health officer Dunn said he thought there were at least 4,000 cases in the city and, if weather conditions do not aid the health department in checking the disease, a repetition of the epidemic of eight years ago was feared.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL LIEBER, of the United States army, has decided that soldiers of the war with Spain may be buried in the national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa.

A SKELETON named Henry Jones was hanged by a crowd near Richmond, N. C., for murdering a woman.

THE business periodical of West Branch, N. C., was burned on the 7th.

NEWS was received at Vancouver, B. C., of a tremendous landslide near Spences bridge, on the Canadian Pacific railway. The recent thaw had the effect of loosening the sides of a small mountain which overhangs the Frazer river at that point and with a roar that could be heard for over a mile, fully 100 acres of the hill, anywhere from 20 to 50 feet in depth, crashed into the river, damming it completely and sending the water in torrents over the fertile Nicola valley. The course of the river was changed completely.

In a heavy freight train on the Iron Mountain railway a pair of trucks on a box car jumped the track just as a siding at Mandeville, Ark., was reached. The car struck a switch rail and was hurled across the track. Eight freight cars were piled together in splinters. No one was hurt, but the company suffered a heavy loss.

The Singapore Free Press said that Spencer Pratt, consul general for the United States, has sent to Gen. Otis, United States military governor at Manila, a proposal that a memorial should be erected at Manila to the memory of all Americans who fell in the capture or died of disease during the campaign and that all Americans now resident in the east should be invited to contribute toward this object.

At the Lenox Athletic club at New York on the 10th Tom Sharkey, the sailor, knocked out Kid McCoy in the tenth round. They were matched for a 20-round battle.

FOUR persons were run down and instantly killed by an express train near Larimer station, on the Pennsylvania railway, 25 miles east of Pittsburgh, Pa. The engineer blew the whistle, but the alarm was probably unheard.

FOUR crooks in jail at Columbus, Neb., dynamited the building to effect their escape. Two of them were seriously if not fatally injured and another will lose his eyesight.

At the conference at St. Louis it was decided by a unanimous vote to hold the world's fair to celebrate the Louisiana purchase at St. Louis in the winter of 1904. Fourteen states and territories of the 17 in the Louisiana purchase district were represented.

As a result of eating pork from a hog afflicted with trichina, Erika, the daughter of August Kellerman, a farmer near Fairbury, Neb., is dead, her mother was reported dying and the father and five other children were seriously ill. Two neighbor boys, who partook of the food, were also reported as being very low, with only slight chances for recovery.

FOUR bandits boarded a suburban train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad at Englewood and robbed F. A. Harding, an aged Methodist minister, taking his watch, \$40 and his wallet containing valuable papers. The robbers then jumped off the train and escaped before the passengers had realized what had taken place.

SEVENTY miners and citizens charged with riot were arraigned in court at Panna, Ill., on the 9th. States Attorney Humphreys nolleed 52 of the cases while 11 pleaded guilty and were given sentences. Pneumonia continued to rage among the colored non-union miners, death was common.

THE three children of Charles Hagerman were playing on the ice off Well's island, N. Y., in the St. Lawrence river when it broke and they fell in. The mother rushed to their rescue and the whole four lost their lives.

By a head-on collision between two passenger trains on the Lehigh Valley railroad at West Dunellen, N. J., 15 persons lost their lives and some 25 were injured. The accident was due to some mistake in train orders.

HENRY BAXTE, a grocer and saloon-keeper at Hamilton, O., shot his wife twice and then blew out his own brains. The woman, though seriously injured, has a chance for recovery.

A California court has decided that nothing can prevent the estate of Frank Belew, who was hanged for the murder of a brother and sister, from inheriting part of the estates of his victims. The murdered brother and sister were both unmarried and their estates will go to the children of the murderer and to two other brothers.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Late Happenings of More Than Ordinary Interest.

SCHOOL LAND LESSEES CONVENTION.

Met for the Purpose of Exchanging Views and to Give the Legislature to Pass More Favorable Laws—Other Late News of Interest.

SCHOOL LAND LESSEES.

Convention at Oklahoma City. The seventh annual Territorial Teachers' Association.

Delegates representing the several thousand school land lessees of the territory met in convention at Oklahoma City last Thursday for the purpose of exchanging views and to agree, if possible, upon the needs of the lessees in the way of legislation. The leasing and the regulation of the vast acres of school lands in a manner that is just and fair to the lessee and equally fair and just to the interests of the school fund, is admittedly the most serious problem confronting the legislature. On the one hand are some 6,000 lessees of school lands who are entitled to the protection of the law; on the other hand are the 100,000 school children (and their tribe is increasing), whose education is largely based upon the money derived from the school lands. The school land lessees are fairly well organized and represent a solid political force, and the only reason that their efforts to secure legislation failed in the past has been a lack of uniformity in ideas. The convention developed that there is a decided disposition among the lessees to demand nothing but what is fair and just, but there was also a diversity of opinion as to what constitutes a "fair and just" measure. The convention was unanimously and heartily in accord with School Land Secretary Elison's recommendation that competitive bidding be abolished, but there was some opposition to the recommendation that a new appraisal be made at the expiration of the lease. President Hennessey in an address urged a greater unanimity of sentiment among the lessees, and cited the failure to secure legislation two years ago because of the inharmonious ideas as to what was wanted. Representative J. W. Scott of Clifton, himself a lessee, and representing more school land than any other member of the legislature, was present and briefly addressed the convention, pledging his hearty support to any measure that would be fair in its terms. He announced that in anticipation of school land legislation he had already prepared a bill the chief features of which were the abrogation of competitive bidding; continuing leases without re-appraisal; and providing for a school board on the present lines.

Senator Sidney Clarke followed Mr. Scott and urged the necessity of introducing a bill looking toward school land legislation at an early stage of the session. He said there was a general disposition to put the school funds in the hands of a bonded officer and to create a responsible board of school land commissioners, and in this connection he severely criticized what he termed the extravagant disposition of the present board in handling the school funds. The following resolutions were adopted by the convention: "We, the lessees of the school lands of Oklahoma territory, demand of the legislature that they enact such laws as will give the lessee preference right in re-leasing without competition.

"We demand that breaking, clearing, fencing, buildings, wells, ponds, shade trees, fruit trees, vines or any other kind of improvements necessary to work and get benefit out of land be appraised at full value.

"We demand that 15 per cent of the lease money now derived from the leasing of indemnity lands be returned to the various school districts in said lands to help maintain public schools, being impossible for them to keep school longer than three months under the present system."

Oklahoma's Insane Patients.

Dr. Threagill, superintendent of the Norman sanitarium, has made his quarterly settlement with the auditor for the care of the insane. The territory is now maintaining 230 insane patients at the sanitarium and so marked has been the increase in insanity that the sanitarium has been obliged to enlarge its accommodations by the erection of neat and comfortable cottages sufficient to accommodate 100 patients. Notwithstanding the enfeeblement and helpless condition of the insane patients the general condition of their health is something remarkable, and the mortality rate is far less than in similar institutions under state control. These favorable conditions are no doubt due to the healthy surroundings and to the human and largely to the excellent sanitary measures in force at the sanitarium.

Crow is Good Eating.

Ponce City Courier: There is an old saying about "eating crow" which has given rise to an erroneous opinion of that black feathered bird. Instead of being unwholesome the crow is one of the most palatable of the feathered tribe. His flesh is tender and palatable. He chooses corn and wheat, berries and the cleanest food he can find. He is cleaner than the chicken, quail or prairie chicken, which are not above getting their living out of the compost heaps. The prejudice about the crow as a tribe comes from his penchant to pull the farmer's corn after he has planted it, but this only proves his cleanliness.

Here's a Sure Thing for Young Ladies.

Woodward News: Miss Agnes Brown who has efficiently aided as stenographer and local reporter in this office the past ten months, left Wednesday for her home near Newton, Kan., to prepare for her wedding which occurs early in February. The publisher anticipates the event, which consummates her life's happiness by extending best wishes. Incidentally it may be remarked that this is the fourth occurrence of this nature in this office in the past four years and any lady stenographer who wishes to secure a double jointed copper riveted clench on the matrimonial market should apply early at the business office.



Territorial Teachers' Association.

The seventh annual Territorial Teachers' Association recently held in Oklahoma City was the best in attendance ever held. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, L. W. Cole, El Reno; first vice president, J. W. Davis, Council; second vice president, L. B. Snyder, Pawnee; third vice president, J. D. McGill, Enid; fourth vice president, W. L. Johnson, Chandler; secretary, W. H. Ledgerwood, Pond Creek; treasurer, J. M. DeLisle, Woodward; historiographer, Wm. N. Rice, Norman.

Be-choison & Southern to Be Extended.

Ponce City Courier: A public meeting of the citizens was held at the police court presided over by Mayor James Gordon. President Bradford, L. E. Walker and L. L. Jackson of the Hutchinson & Southern were here to talk up a junction of their road with the Santa Fe at this place. They have a corps of surveyors between here and Blackwell running a preliminary line to Ponce City. The officers of the road say it is their purpose to come to Ponce City early the coming spring. The contracts will be let by February 1.

Murderer Mass is an Upright Prisoner.

Watonga Republican: Conrad Mass, the wife killer, has been very uprighly in jail. The other day the sheriff ordered him into a cell. He refused to go. The deputy sheriff and several others started in to force him. Conrad fought them. He yielded after being knocked down by a club in the hands of a deputy. Every act of his in jail indicates that he is just the kind of a man who would commit murder. A hemp necktie will neutralize that vicious temper.

Would Change the Name.

Watonga Republican: The next legislative session would do a nice thing by changing the name of D county to McDonald county, in memory of the late W. G. McDonald who was murdered near Taonga last August. Mac, of D was inseparably connected with the history of D county. He was ever ready to do something to give his county prominence. It would be a fitting tribute to his memory to change D to McDonald county.

For the Care and Education of the Blind.

Governor Barnes has entered into a contract with Charles Cunningham of Guthrie, to provide for the care and education of the blind children of the territory for a period of five years, at the rate of \$275 for each pupil. This is the same rate as is paid for the care and education of the deaf and dumb. Mr. Cunningham, the contractor, has not yet decided at what point he will locate the institution.

Serious Loss by Fire at Nardin.

Five destroyed four large business houses filled with merchandise at Nardin, Kay county. The buildings were burned to the ground. The losers are Slocum Bros. large double store, general merchandise; George E. Coulter, building and drug stock; T. S. Hall building, and stock of general merchandise owned by C. M. Davis; Beaucham & Williams, hardware.

National Bank Begins Business.

Oklahoma City Times-Journal: The Western national bank has opened its doors. The officers of the new financial concern are as follows: President, M. L. Turner of this city; cashier, R. F. Holt, recently of Spokane Falls, Washington; assistant cashier, C. M. Bosworth, recently of Guthrie; directors, George A. Metcalf of Kansas City, A. L. Frick, Eugene Wallace, Dr. J. A. Ryan and M. L. Turner.

Santa Fe Agents Change Places.

Norman Transcript: A. W. Dunham who for 11 years has been Santa Fe agent at Oklahoma City, has been transferred to Woodward, and his place taken by F. C. O'Neill of Porell, the agent at Woodward being transferred to Porell. The changes have created somewhat of sensation in Santa Fe circles.

New Members are Banqueted.

Following the custom that has prevailed since the first legislature, the members of the fifth legislature were on Monday night tendered a reception, banquet and ball by the citizens of Guthrie. It was a brilliant and enjoyable affair. Prominent men from every part of the territory were present.

Reports for the Legislators.

Governor Barnes has established a new department in furnishing the members of the legislature with copies of the reports of territorial officials as soon as furnished by the printer. Heretofore the members were not supplied with printed copies until the legislative session was half completed.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE DEPARTMENT.

Edited by the Woman's Suffrage Association of Oklahoma Territory.

Former Opponents Converted.

The Toronto Globe of July 17, 1897, published a letter from Mr. P. J. O'Reagan, a member of the New Zealand parliament. In regard to woman suffrage Mr. O'Reagan wrote: "Very few of the women here refrain from exercising their newly conferred rights. Even those formerly opposed to woman suffrage are now eager to record their votes. We have numerous women's political societies, nearly all Liberal; and we have already had two annual sittings of the Woman's National Council. Personally, I am opposed to many things they advocate, but as a supporter of womanhood suffrage, I am convinced that it has proved to be all that its friends expected here. No political meeting nowadays is a success without the usual quota of the gentler sex in attendance. Despite what was said by sarcastic opponents of the 'fair franchise,' there is no record of domestic troubles in consequence of it."

IN DESPERATE STRAITS.

Kennedy, Alleged Train Robber, Will Have Hard Work Proving an Alibi in the Present Case.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 14.—Jack Kennedy, the train robber who was brought here last night with Bill Ryan and four of the others who held up the Memphis railway train at Macomb a week ago, realizes that he is in desperate straits with the law, but he is determined to make a hard fight. Upon the plea that they wanted to take depositions in Texas, Kennedy's lawyers succeeded in getting Justice Kittrell at Mansfield to continue John's preliminary hearing for ten days. Already "some one," presumably Kennedy's Kansas City attorney, has gone to Texas to get these depositions. Kennedy's defense will, as usual, be an alibi. He will claim, if he can get any of his Texas friends to come to the front for him, that he was in San Antonio and Houston just prior to and at the time the train was robbed. There is no possibility, so far as anyone who has looked into the Macomb robbery can see, that Kennedy can establish an alibi that will save him. If he should bring half a dozen depositions from Texas to prove that he was there, the officials and the railroad will bring forward a dozen good witnesses to prove that he was at Louis Nye's and Fagley's farms for three weeks before the robbery. If he should chance to produce a few Texas witnesses, 30 Wright and Douglas county men will swear that he was in those counties at the time of the robbery. Kennedy has no chance to go free.

DENIAL FROM ALLEN.

Allen Has Not Been Reorganizing the Kansas National Guard on a Political Basis—List of Companies.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—Adj. Gen. Allen denies the charge that he has been reorganizing the Kansas national guard on a political basis. He says he hurried the matter along because it was necessary to have a couple of regiments organized in order to draw the state's quota of the national government's allowance for this fiscal year. Politics, he says, has not entered into the reorganization of the guard. The following is a list of the captains of the new companies: First regiment—Company A, Topeka, William Peterson; company B, Kansas City, John P. Miller; company C, Burlington, A. L. Hitehens; company D, Yates Center, F. W. Butler; company E, Ottawa, Robert Atkinson, Jr.; company F, Hiawatha, Charles P. Wast; company G, Garrettsville, P. D. Brandt; company I, Manhattan, W. B. Leisner; company K, Emporia, W. S. Weaver; company L, Fort Scott, J. R. Ehrhard; company M, Fredonia, Andrew Hudson. Second regiment—Company A, Belle Plaine, E. E. Wilson; company B, Wellington, J. S. Day; company C, Weldonia, J. S. Day; company D, Newton, J. Norton; company E, Wilson, George McCoy; company F, Larned, J. E. Huston; company G, Clyde, W. B. Cranmer; company H, Paulsboro, H. F. Funder; company I, Norton, George H. Sarvis; company K, Garden City, W. McD. Rowen; company L, Jabore, V. E. Cunningham. Only three of these captains, it is asserted, are popular. Three of them are democrats and the rest are republicans.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

A Railroad Line Authorized Through the Indian Territory—The Diplomatic and Consular Bill Passed.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The senate passed a bill authorizing the Arkansas & Choctaw Railway company to construct and operate a railroad line through the Choctaw & Chickasaw nation in the Indian territory.

Mr. Allen introduced a resolution, which went over for the appointment of five senators with plenary powers to investigate the late war.

Mr. McLaughlin then addressed the senate in support of the Vest resolution declaring the policy of expansion to be unconstitutional.

A bill was afterwards passed providing for the adjustment of the swamp land grant to the state of Wisconsin. A bill for the relief of the Citizens bank of Stuart, Holt county, Neb., was also passed.

Under the special order adopted the house went into committee of the whole and proceeded to the consideration of the naval personnel bill.

The house passed the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill Thursday without an amendment. The bill as passed carries \$1,705,533, which is \$40,635 less than the present law. All diplomatic and consular offices in Hawaiian islands, Porto Rico and Cuba were abolished by the bill, effecting a saving in salaries of \$43,000.

Consumption Contracted From Milk.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 14.—The state society of agriculturists, now in session at Topeka, was started by the assertion, made by Dr. M. Stalker, that a large proportion of the people who die of consumption contracted the disease from milk from cows afflicted with tuberculosis. Dr. Stalker is a professor in the Iowa state agricultural college, and his statement was that the most of the 125,000 deaths annually could be traced directly to milk from tuberculous cows.

Cannot Whit Puppils in Kansas.